

REMARKS

The Applicant has reviewed and fully considered the November 7, 2008 Office Action received in the above-referenced application. The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of Claim 4. Claim 4 was previously amended to include the limitations of Claims 1 and 3. The claims which previously depended from Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to now depend from Claim 4. Thus putting these dependent claims in condition for allowance.

Claim 1-3, 6, 7, 14 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montgomery *et al* (US Patent No. 2,923,192). Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Claims 6, 7, 14, 18 and 19 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 4. Claim 20 depends indirectly from Claim 4 as a result of these amendments. The Applicant believes Claims 6, 7, 14 and 18-20 are all allowable as a result of their dependence from allowed Claim 4 and respectfully requests this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montgomery *et al* in view of Buck (US Patent No. 6,253,643). Claim 6 has been amended to depend from allowed Claim 4. As such it contains all of the limitation of Claim 4. In turn Claim 6 is in condition to be allowed. The Applicant respectfully requests a withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 7-9, 11-13 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montgomery *et al* in view of Lemaire *et al* (US Patent No. 4,567,952). Claims 7-9, 11-13 and 15-17 all depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 4. As such they contain all of the limitations of Claim 4 and are allowable just as Claim 4 is allowed. The Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of Claims 7-9, 11-13 and 15-17 under 35 USC 103(a) over Montgomery in view of Lemaire be withdrawn.

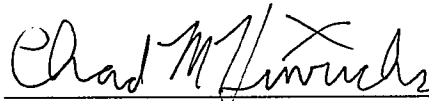
Claim 10 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montgomery *et al* in view of Dyer (US Patent No. 4,321,975). Claim 10 depends indirectly from Claim 4 as a result of an amendment to Claim 7. As such it contains all of the limitations of Claim 4 and is allowable just as Claim 4 is allowed. The Applicant respectfully requests a withdrawal of this rejection.

New Claim 21 has been added. It contains the subject matter which was originally in Claim 2. The subject matter of Claim 2 was moved to Claim 21 so it would depend from a preceding claim. As with the other dependent claims, it depends from allowed Claim 4 which puts it in condition for allowance. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests the allowance of Claim 21.

The Applicant believes they have addressed all the outstanding issues and the application is in condition for allowance and therefore respectfully request allowance of the claims. Should any other amendments be necessary to place the application in condition for a Notice of Allowance, Examiner Shakeri is invited to call the undersigned at the below noted telephone number.

The Applicant has also filed a Request for Continued Examination along with this Amendment to ensure the entry and consideration of this Amendment. Further, please debit additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1971.

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